



This is a digital copy of a book that was preserved for generations on library shelves before it was carefully scanned by Google as part of a project to make the world's books discoverable online.

It has survived long enough for the copyright to expire and the book to enter the public domain. A public domain book is one that was never subject to copyright or whose legal copyright term has expired. Whether a book is in the public domain may vary country to country. Public domain books are our gateways to the past, representing a wealth of history, culture and knowledge that's often difficult to discover.

Marks, notations and other marginalia present in the original volume will appear in this file - a reminder of this book's long journey from the publisher to a library and finally to you.

Usage guidelines

Google is proud to partner with libraries to digitize public domain materials and make them widely accessible. Public domain books belong to the public and we are merely their custodians. Nevertheless, this work is expensive, so in order to keep providing this resource, we have taken steps to prevent abuse by commercial parties, including placing technical restrictions on automated querying.

We also ask that you:

- + *Make non-commercial use of the files* We designed Google Book Search for use by individuals, and we request that you use these files for personal, non-commercial purposes.
- + *Refrain from automated querying* Do not send automated queries of any sort to Google's system: If you are conducting research on machine translation, optical character recognition or other areas where access to a large amount of text is helpful, please contact us. We encourage the use of public domain materials for these purposes and may be able to help.
- + *Maintain attribution* The Google "watermark" you see on each file is essential for informing people about this project and helping them find additional materials through Google Book Search. Please do not remove it.
- + *Keep it legal* Whatever your use, remember that you are responsible for ensuring that what you are doing is legal. Do not assume that just because we believe a book is in the public domain for users in the United States, that the work is also in the public domain for users in other countries. Whether a book is still in copyright varies from country to country, and we can't offer guidance on whether any specific use of any specific book is allowed. Please do not assume that a book's appearance in Google Book Search means it can be used in any manner anywhere in the world. Copyright infringement liability can be quite severe.

About Google Book Search

Google's mission is to organize the world's information and to make it universally accessible and useful. Google Book Search helps readers discover the world's books while helping authors and publishers reach new audiences. You can search through the full text of this book on the web at <http://books.google.com/>

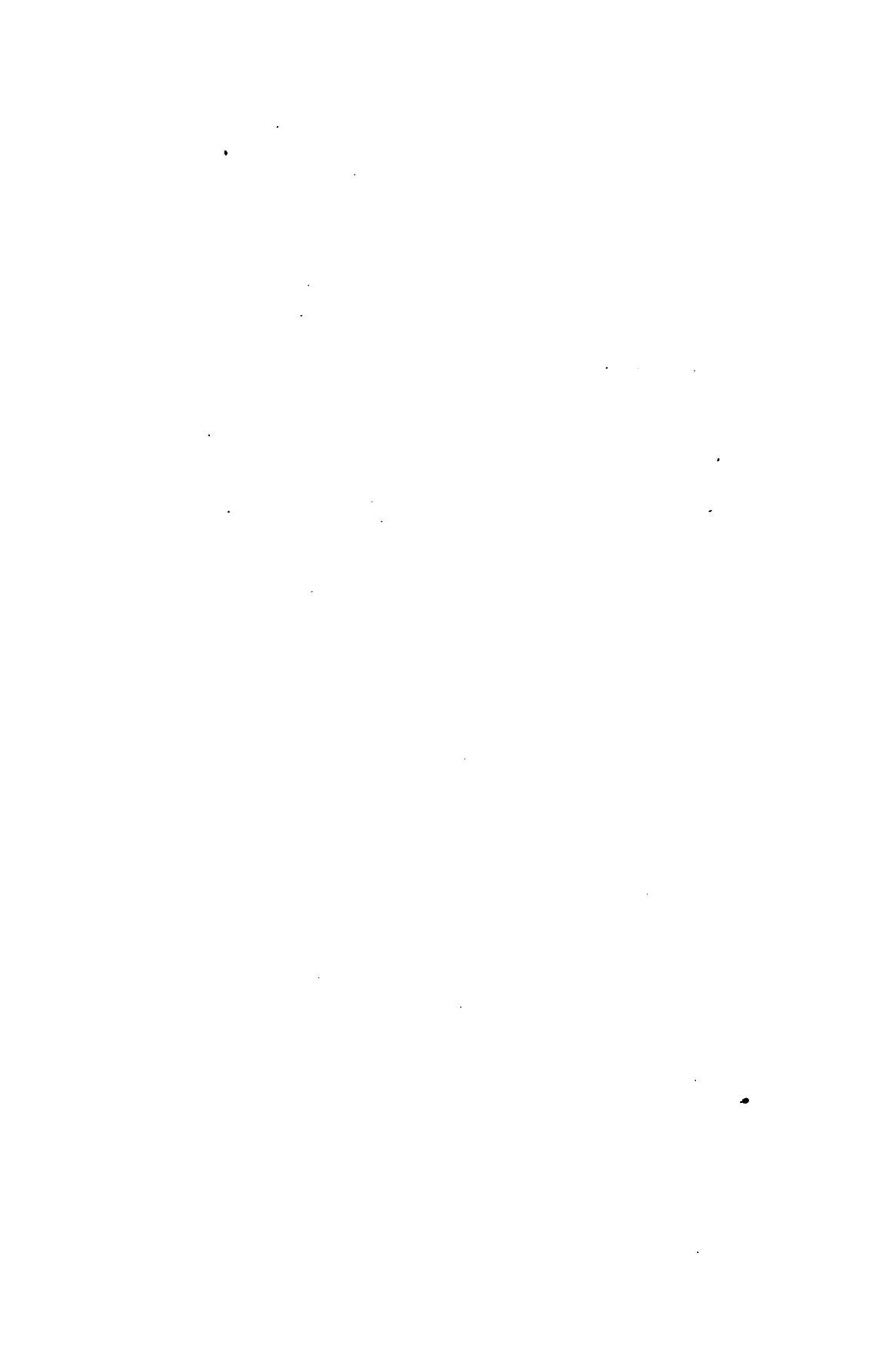




600050237N

15085 2.9





+

72.

BRIEF MEMOIR

—OF—

Dr. Geo. H. Gay,

—

H. C. 1842,

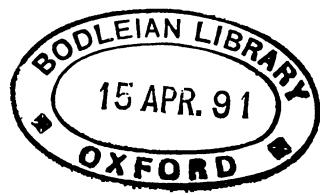
—BY—

⇒ C. + D. + BRADLEE, ⇒

H. C. 1852.

—

1879.



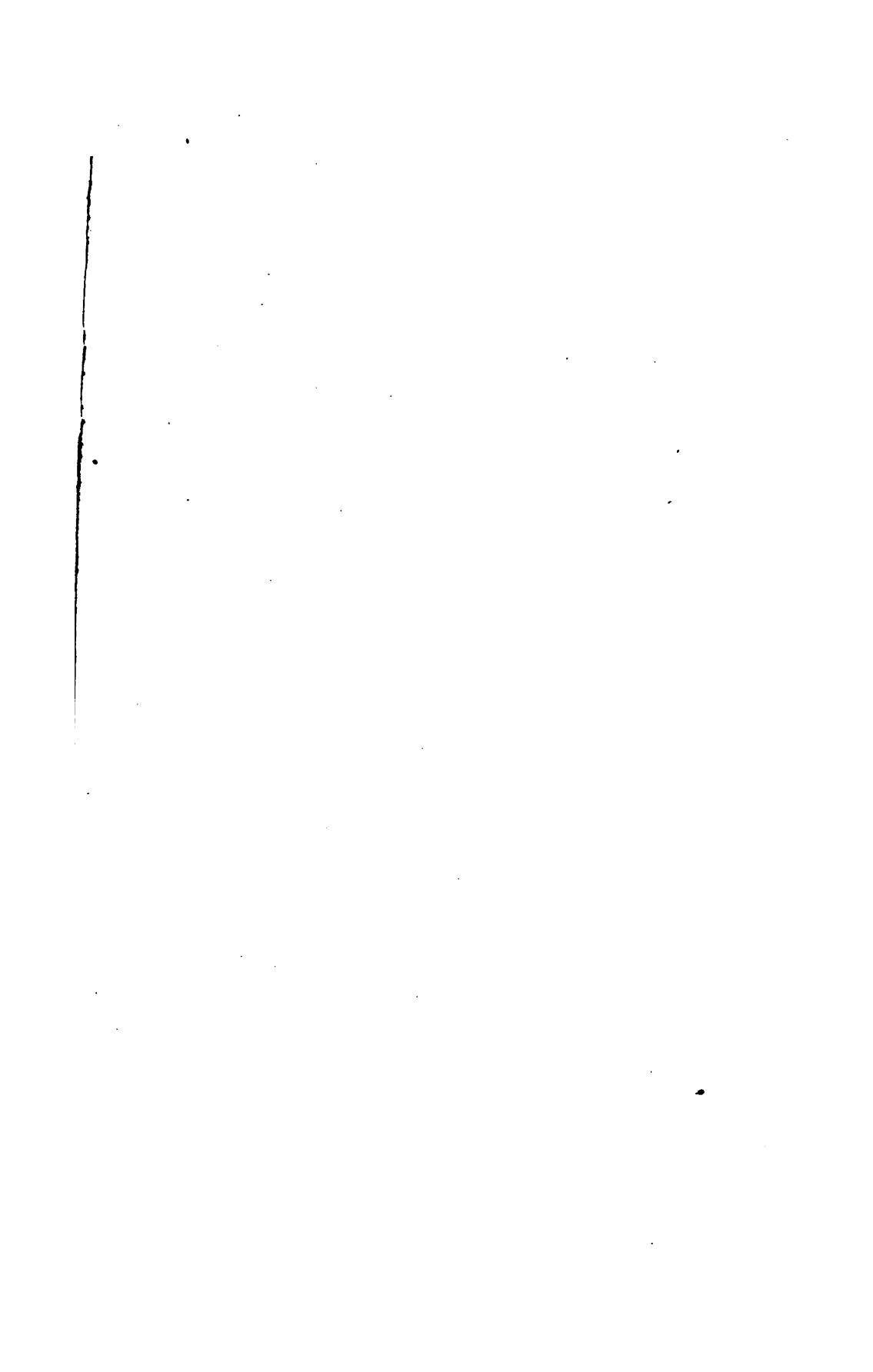


600050237N

15085 ^C 2. 9







72.

BRIEF MEMOIR

—OF—

Dr. Geo. H. Gay,

H. C. 1842,

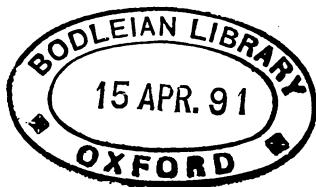
—BY—

→*C.†D.†BRADLEE,‡*←

H. C. 1852.

—*—

1879.



genius, his wonderful judgment, his quick insight into character, and the glorious cunning of his hand, that when he came to graduate, only one question was put to him, viz—

“GAY, DESCRIBE THE HEART,”

and the reply being given, with force, as all his replies were given, with beauty, clearness, and grace, he was immediately recommended for a medical degree. This was in 1845.

After receiving his degree, he started for Paris, where he remained for two years, devoting himself to study in the most famous medical schools of that city, and acquiring a fund of massive knowledge that laid a rich foundation for his great reputation.

On his return from Europe, in 1847, he was chosen one of the Physicians and Surgeons of the Boston Dispensary, but as he found that the office cramped his power, and exposed him to great dangers, having once nearly lost his life by a fever contracted on a visit to a poor patient, soon relinquished the position, and gave his whole time to personal practice, and from this moment, he commenced to rise in public repute, till at last he stood at the head of his profession! Wonderful stories could be told of successful operations that he performed such as all other Doctors refused to undertake, and one striking instance has been given of a patient apparently bleeding to death, whose case had been given as fatal by some of the most eminent physicians of Boston, and whose life was saved as soon as Dr. Gay was called, although young Gay always modestly refused any credit for the cure, and used to say that it so happened the man recovered at the time he was placed under his care.

In 1855 he was elected one of the visiting surgeons of the Mass. General Hospital, and it must be remembered that an appointment of this kind was only conferred upon those generally considered to possess the most preeminent talents, and Gay was then only thirty years old! T

fact is sufficient to show at how early an age this wonderful man reached by the confession of the public, the highest point of professional success. Even previous to this time, he had been appointed a Teacher in Anatomy, in the "Tremont Medical School," and had there given full proof of his rare powers.

In the department of Tracheotomy, it has been confessed by one of the most celebrated French Physicians, that Gay deserved to be classed amongst the leading physicians not only of America, but of Europe, and it is certainly one of the most pleasant things to be remembered, that so many children have been relieved, by his daring to undertake an operation that older men had looked upon as almost impossible, except as a preparation for death; and how many anxious Mothers have blessed his name, as their dear little ones have found breath through his skilful hand!

After the bloody battle of Antietam, Dr. Gay rendered valuable services at Washington, in the Hospitals, and on his return, contributed to the "Medical Journal," a most splendid article on the treatment of wounds, and this able exposition attracted universal attention.

November 21st, 1855, he married Elizabeth Greenough Lewis, daughter of his former teacher Dr. Winslow Lewis, and had five sons, three of whom are now living, and the eldest son is following his father's steps, in the Harvard Medical School, having now entered his second year.

In the sick room Dr. Gay was a benediction, not so much for what he said, nor for what he did, *as for what he was*, for he always had a smile, and his sympathies were great, and he was as gentle as a child, and almost by a glance, he could take in the patient's situation, and his noble heart made all the sick ones better as soon as they saw him.

For about a year before he died, he was quite feeble, and for

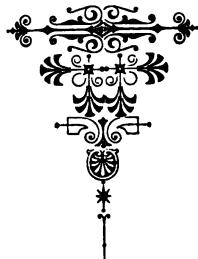
awhile gave up practice, but at the time of his death, August 12th, 1878, he had resumed work, and on that day, he was unusually bright and happy and when he went away it was "in the twinkling of an eye."

He was visiting his patients during the day, and receiving friends in the evening, and not till nearly eleven o'clock, did he complain of illness and hardly had he spoken, and called his son, when that son held the lifeless body of his dear Parent.

His Funeral took place on August 15th, and the services were conducted by the Revs. John F. W. Ware, and C. D. Bradlee. Mr. Ware made an address, and read selections from the Scriptures, and Mr. Bradlee read an original poem, offered "prayer," pronounced a benediction.

At the grave the services were wholly conducted by Mr. Bradlee, and the body was deposited in Mt. Auburn.

The different papers of the day were filled with eulogies of the deceased, and there seemed to be an universal expression of deep sorrow, and everybody felt that a great and useful man had departed.



Rev. Caleb Davis Bradlee, D.D., Ph.D.

Born February 24, 1831.

Chauncy Hall School, 1836 - 1848, with the exception of a few months when he was a pupil of Rev. Richard Pike of Dorchester.

Harvard University, 1852. A.M. H.U. 1855.

D.D. Galesville University, Galesville, Wisconsin, 1888. Ph. D., G. U. 1889.

Dr. Bradlee is the son of the late Samuel and Elizabeth Davis (Williams) Bradlee, and grandson of Nathaniel Bradlee, one of the so called "Indians" who threw the tea into the Boston Harbor, and great-grandson, on his mother's side of Hon. Caleb Davis, the first Speaker of the House of Representatives of Mass. after the new Constitution.

He has been the Pastor of the following Societies, viz.; Allen St. Congregational Church, Cambridge, Mass. 1854-1857. Church of Our Father, East Boston, pro. tem. 1861-1864. Church of the Redeemer, Boston, 1864-1872. Christian Unity Society, Boston, 1871-1875. Church at Harrison Square, 1876-1890. New Church, Norfolk Street, Dorchester 1890-.

He has been chosen a member of the following Societies: Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, Copenhagen, Denmark; Royal Academy of Heraldry, Pisa, Italy; Clarendon Historical Society, Edinburgh, Scotland; Society of Science, Letters, and Art, London, England and the following Historical Societies in the United States: New England, Rhode Island, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Chicago, Iowa, Wisconsin, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Kansas, Minnesota, Old Colony, Dedham, Long Island, &c.

He is the author of three series of Poems, Sermons for All Sects, &c.

Mentioned in Drake's American Biography, Osgood's New England, Nason's Gazetteer of Massachusetts, Johnson's Encyclopaedia, and Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography.



